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## REMARKS

Claim 5 has been amended. Claims 2 to 4 and 6 to 16 have been cancelled.

Claim 1 is retained in the application unchanged. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claim 1 has been allowed.

The Examiner indicated that claim 11 would be allowed if submitted in independent form. Accordingly, this is what applicant has done. Thus, claim 5, has been amended to incorporate therein the language of claim 11. Accordingly, claim 5, as amended, herein represents claim 11 in independent form. In view of the Examiner's indication, claim 5 as amended herein is believed in condition for allowance.

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There are no longer any outstanding issues in this application. Accordingly, issuance of the Notice of Allowance for claims 1 and 5 is respectfully requested.

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